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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages);
3. Twenty-Three (23) United States Patents;
4. Eleven (11) Foreign Patents;
5. One (1) Other Documents;
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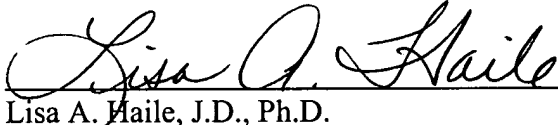
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, enclosed are references relating to the above-identified application. For the convenience of the Examiner, these references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each is enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of this application and their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

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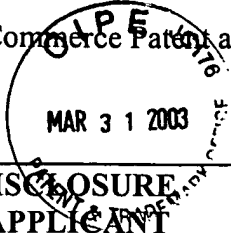
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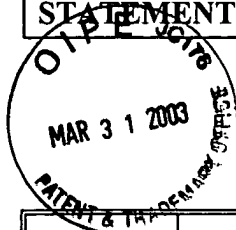
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Applicant's or agent's file reference DIVER1280-17		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 31/01/2003
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Applicant DIVERSA CORPORATION		

1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 13 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~XXXX~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
1-46 complete
- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-46 complete

method for identifying a polynucleotide in a liquid phase by using a library of nucleic acid sequences from one organism and (a) labeled probe(s).

2. Claims: 48-94 complete

screening method of libraries of mixed populations defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

3. Claims: 95-104 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

4. Claims: 105-145 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

5. Claims: 146-164 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

6. Claims: 165-175 complete

apparatus defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above.

7. Claims: 176-185 complete

capillary and array defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

8. Claims: 186-200 complete

method for incubating a bioactivity as defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

9. Claims: 201-203 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

10. Claims: 203-208 complete

recovery apparatus defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

11. Claims: 209,210 complete

apparatus defined by the wording of the mentioned claims above

12. Claim : 211 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claim above

13. Claim : 47 complete

method defined by the wording of the mentioned claim above

The application relates to a plurality of inventions, or groups of inventions, in the sense of Rule 13.1 PCT. They have been divided as defined above. If the applicant pays additional fees for one (or more) not yet searched group(s) of invention(s), then the further search(es) may reveal further prior art that gives evidence of a further lack of unity 'a posteriori' within one (or more) of the not yet searched group(s). In such a case only the first invention in this (each of these) group(s) of inventions, which is considered to lack unity of invention, will be the subject of a search.

No further invitation to pay further additional fees will be issued. This is because Article 17(3)(a) PCT stipulates that the ISA shall establish the International Search Report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims ('main invention') and for those parts which relate to inventions in respect of which the additional fees were paid. Neither the PCT nor the PCT guidelines provide a legal basis for further invitations to pay further additional search fees (W17/00, point 11 and W1/97, points 11-16).

The ISA is of the opinion that due to the fact that the inventions listed above are not linked by a single general inventive concept and due to their essential differences and due that furthermore no technical features can be distinguished which, in the light of the prior art, could be regarded as special in the sense of Rule 13.2 PCT the requirements of unity of invention as laid down in Rule 13.1 PCT is not fulfilled.

The ISA has searched the first invention.

1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos. 1-46
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
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